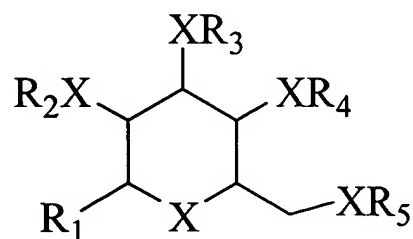


### Abstract

Bicyclic carbohydrates for the treatment of infections caused by herpseviridae, and in particular cytomegalovirus. The invention consists of the novel bicyclic carbohydrates the generic structure of which is:



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wherein R<sub>1</sub> is either -Bn or -Ph; R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>3</sub> are either -alkyl, -aryl, -allyl, or -H; R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> form a ring and are either -CH(Ph)- or -CH(aryl)- and X is either O, N or S.